(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) State Government has informed that as per the Assam Swatantrata Sainik Relief Rule 1988, only the freedom fighters who participate in the National Movement under Mahatama Gandhi since 1921 are eligible for Freedom Fighters Pension etc.

Updating NRC in Assam

316. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to update the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam State;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to stop the issue of the photo identity card to the voters in Assam till the completion of the update of NRC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) The Government of Assam has initiated some action for updating of National Register of Citizens (NRC) 1951 on the basis of the relevant records. Central Government has provided a sum of Rs. 3.02 crore to Government of Assam for computerization of the relevant records. State Government has submitted modalities for updating of NRC in January 2009, which is under construction.

(b) and (c) The Government of Assam is of the view and conveyed to the Election Commission of India that Election Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) and Photo Electoral Rolls (PER) in the State of Assam be undertaken after the updating of NRC in Assam.

Combating Naxal menace by concerted efforts

317. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two day eastern and central region consultation organized by Commission on Centre-State Relations focused on combating Naxal menace by concerted efforts of various Maoist infested States;

(b) if so, whether Maoists have also infiltrated NGOs;

(c) whether Chhattisgarh Naxalites are attracting Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the steps States have taken and to what extent Centre has agreed to provide help and assistance;

(e) whether Maoists and Naxal States have agreed for joint operation and training to meet extremists threats; and

(f) whether his Ministry has reviewed North East law and order situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Maoists have floated several front organizations.

(c) CPI (Maoist) cadres move from one State to another. Such movement of Maoist cadres usually takes place in the adjoining areas of the States affected with naxal problem. The naxalites operating in Chhattisgarh are also reported to be moving in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra.

(d) The State Governments take necessary action as per law; the Central Government supplements their efforts and recourses through a wide range of measures.

(e) Need-based joint operations are conducted by affected States. Training in counter insurgency and jungle warfare is being imparted to State Police forces and Central paramilitary forces on a regular basis.

(f) Ministry of Home Affairs maintains close and continuous coordination with States including those in the North-East, review the security situation and takes further steps to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, as may be necessary, on a continuing basis. Intensive State specific reviews have been conducted by the Union Home Minister during last two months both in New Delhi and during visit to the States of Assam, Manipur and Nagaland.

Security assessment of Goa after Mumbai attack

318. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security situation in the State of Goa was assessed after recent attack by terrorists in Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Goa has made any demand to Government as regards modern equipments for strengthening the capabilities of the State;

(c) whether the Goa Government has asked for AK-47 rifle, bullet-proof jackets, vehicles for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by what date Government is likely to fulfill the requirement of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The security arrangements in Goa were reviewed in detail in December, 2008 and the State Government and other organizations/agencies concerned have been advised to take suitable measures.

(b) to (d) Under the scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), the entire allocated amount of Rs.2 crore during the current year has been released to the Government of Goa. The Government of Goa subsequently forwarded a proposal seeking additional Central funds to the tune of Rs.14.60 crores, for a plan, which, *inter-alia*, includes various types of weaponry. Efforts will be made to accommodate these requirements in the plan for the year 2009-10. The State Government will also require to do due prioritization of their requirements.